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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/769,342	Applicant(s) BEHNKE ET AL.	
	Examiner Hoang Ngo	Art Unit 2852	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6-8,13,16,21,23,24,26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,9-12,14,15,17-20,22,25 and 28-30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 13, 16, 24, 26, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al.

Takahashi et al disclose an apparatus and process for preventing damage inside a printing machine caused by microwave radiation emanating from microwave fuser mechanism F comprising detecting an undesired effect (i.e. increase in temperature, Col. 1, line 68) of the microwave radiation is automatically and limiting the detected undesired effect by countermeasures 34 (Col. 7, line 62 thru Col. 8, line 47).

Takahashi et al further disclose the countermeasure device 37 provided in the area of the microwave fusing mechanism in response to detection of an undesired effect by the detection mechanism (Fig. 3C).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 6-8, 21, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al in view of Applicant's cited prior art (EP 0 798 116).

As discussed above, Takahashi et al disclose every aspect of Applicant's claimed invention except for the optical detection of a change in the temperature of the printing medium.

The Applicant's cited prior art discloses an optical detection device 23 for detect a change in the temperature of the printing medium (Col. 3, line 57).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the temperature-detecting device taught by the Applicant's cited prior art to the apparatus of Takahashi et al so that temperature of the printing medium can be accurately measured.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-5, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-20, 22, 25, and 28-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

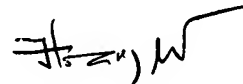
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the prior art of record teaches a detecting device wherein an incorrect paper weight of a printing medium is detected or wherein a prolonged presence of printing medium in the area of the microwave mechanism is detected.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2138. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am - 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner
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